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1. WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TEXT FOR SHORT ANSWERING
REMARKS DURING PLANT VISITS OR OTHER SIMILAR OCCASIONS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DURING MY VISIT TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY,
I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY A NUMBER OF THINGS: FIRST AMONG THESE
IS THE FRIENDLINESS I HAVE ENCOUNTERED EVERYWHERE. ALTHOUGH
OUR COUNTRIES ARE VERY DIFFERENT, WE SHARE A NUMBER OF
ASPIRATIONS, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THEM BEING THE DESIRE FOR
WORLD PEACE. BOTH OUR PEOPLES WANT TO BUILD FOR THEMSELVES
AND THEIR CHILDREN A BETTER, FREER WORLD, IN WHICH EVERYONE
CAN LIVE WITHOUT FEAR AND IN WHICH ALL NATIONS CAN DEVELOP
THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

I ALSO HAVE BEEN ENORMOUSLY IMPRESSED BY THE PROGRESS
THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN BULGARIA IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY.
MOST AMERICANS STILL THINK OF YOUR COUNTRY AS PREDOMINANTLY
AGRICULTURAL. ALTHOUGH BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
MAINTAIN THEIR EXCELLENCE, IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT BULGARIA
HAS MADE ENORMOUS STRIDES IN DEVELOPING A WHOLE RANGE OF
INDUSTRIES.

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FINALLY, I AM IMPRESSED AS WELL BY THE POTENTIAL FOR
STILL BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE HAVE
MADE SOME PROGRESS IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO, BUT A GREAT DEAL
MORE IS POSSIBLE. OUR PEOPLES SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT EACH

OTHER. IN AN ERA OF DETENTE, AND IN THE LIGHT OF STATEMENTS SUCH AS THAT SIGNED RECENTLY IN HELSINKI BY THE PRESIDENTS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES, THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANSION AND DEEPENING OF CONTACTS OF ALL KINDS.

THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN BY ITSELF. IF THE ACT OF HELSINKI IS TO HAVE MEANING, IT WILL REQUIRE CONTINUING EFFORTS BY BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS AND BOTH OUR PEOPLES. CLEARLY IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST THAT THIS BE THE CASE. AS PRESIDENT FORD SAID TO THE OTHER SIGNATORIES, INCLUDING BULGARIA, WHEN HE SIGNED THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE: "OUR FUTURE IS BOUND WITH YOURS. OUR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND OUR SECURITY IS LINKED INCREASINGLY WITH YOURS."

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I SALUTE YOU AND EXPRESS MY HOPE FOR GROWING FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.
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